



Clinical Congress News

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Welcome

On behalf of the Board of Regents and all the Fellows, it is my honor to welcome you to New Orleans for the 87th Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons.



Dr. Bender

In light of the horrific events of September 11 in New York City and Washington, DC, we are thankful for your safety and appreciate your attendance at the hallmark event of this organization. This year especially, the meeting is a testament to the dedication, organizational ability, and cooperation of the committees, attendees, and College staff.

The Clinical Congress is the world's largest educational meeting for surgeons in all specialties. Under the direction of David N. Herndon, MD, FACS, Chair, and Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS, Vice-Chair, the College's Program Committee has planned another outstanding and timely program. Activities formally begin at 8:30 on Monday morning. John L. Ochsner, MD, FACS, will deliver the Opening Ceremony Lecture. Immediately following the opening ceremonies, the full program of general and specialty sessions will commence.

The nine named lectures will be presented by a distinguished group of speakers from around the world.

Educational highlights of the meeting include 33 postgraduate courses, as well as sessions on pain control in outpatient surgery, spinal cord injury and the trauma surgeon, palliative care, informatics, and evidence-based medicine.

The week's meetings and activities will culminate with the awarding of Fellowship in the College to 1,787 Initiates during the Convocation ceremonies on Thursday evening in the Auditorium of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

I want personally to thank all the individuals who contribute to this meeting and to extend to each person attending my best wishes for a meaningful and productive meeting.

Dr. Bender is professor and chair, department of cardiac and thoracic surgery, The Vanderbilt Clinic, Nashville, TN, and the 81st President of the American College of Surgeons.

John L. Ochsner to speak of father during Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony for the 2001 Clinical Congress will take place at 8:30 am on Monday, October 8, in the Morial Convention Center Conference Auditorium. John L. Ochsner, MD, FACS, will talk about his father during the session's lecture, Alton Ochsner: Surgeon with Vision.

The Ochsner family history is legendary among surgeons and particularly among Fellows of the College. A.J. Ochsner, Alton's uncle, was a distinguished Chicago, IL, surgeon, a founder of the ACS, and its seventh President.

A.J. devoted a great deal of attention to helping Alton develop his interest in a surgical career, sending him to Washington University in St. Louis, MO, for the last two years of medical school and a year of residency in internal medicine. While at Washington University, Alton Ochsner was exposed to the first patient he had ever seen who died of lung cancer, a life-changing event that would influence much of the rest of his career.

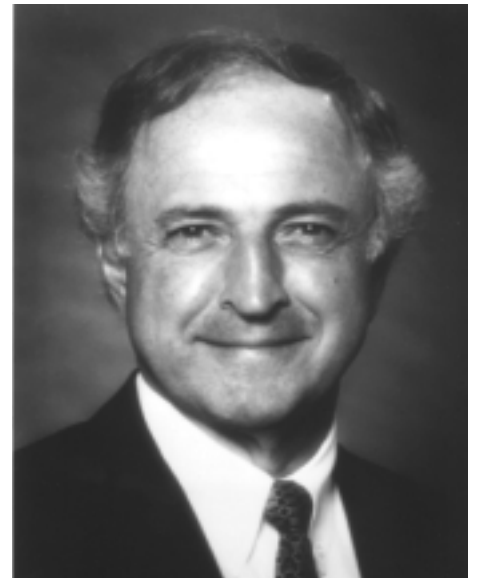
Dr. Ochsner went on to perform his surgical residency at Augustana Hospital in Chicago and to continue his studies in Europe and is credited with being the first physician to perform a blood transfusion on that continent. He subsequently returned to the U.S. and

established a successful thoracic practice in Chicago and later taught at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. A year later, Dr. Ochsner was appointed professor of surgery at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. It was in this city that he would establish a reputation as a superior educator, a visionary surgeon, and a man of conviction.

Soon after he moved to New Orleans, Dr. Alton Ochsner began seeing many patients with lung cancer. Noting that all of these patients were heavy smokers, he became an ardent advocate of placing warning labels on cigarette packages, despite harsh criticism from some members of the medical community.

Throughout his often controversial career, Dr. Alton Ochsner went on to champion radical pneumonectomy as the preferred procedure for treating lung cancer until he became convinced that lobectomy was safer and equally effective. His other areas of interest and expertise included venous thrombosis and the prevention of pulmonary embolisms, and he was among the first to show that vitamin E inhibits postoperative thrombosis. More recent studies have indicated that vitamin E is, in fact, a potent antioxidant.

Dr. Ochsner also proved to be a maverick when addressing social issues. To the chagrin of certain physicians,



Dr. Ochsner

Dr. Ochsner suggested a plan for periodic prepayment of medical and hospital costs, so that low-income individuals and families would have access to care. He and four of his colleagues at Tulane went on to establish a group practice in the face of opposition from local physicians who claimed that the Ochsner Clinic would pose unfair competition to those individuals in private practice. When the Ochsner Foundation Hospital opened in the 1940s, it was, at Dr. Ochsner's insistence, the first racially integrated private hospital in the South.

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CANTAB detects declining cognitive skills

It takes considerable eye-hand coordination and agility to perform surgical procedures, and it is assumed that surgeons' capabilities in these areas are likely to decline with age. But is this reasoning necessarily accurate? This question is becoming increasingly relevant given the rising demand for improved patient safety, reduced medical error, and better outcomes, according to Lazar Greenfield, MD, FACS, First Vice-President of the College.

Hence, this year's Clinical Congress features a scientific exhibit in the Morial Convention Center that allows surgeons to test their reactivity, attention, verbal memory, visuospatial facility, reasoning, and mental calculation on a computerized instrument. The exhibit houses the

Cambridge Neuropsychological Test Automated Battery (CANTAB), a new tool developed for research on cognitive changes resulting from aging, which has been normed on more than 3,000 patients and controls. It has been found to be particularly sensitive to cognitive changes even when more traditional tests failed to detect them, said Dr. Greenfield. Frederick A. Collier Distinguished Professor and chairman, department of surgery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

This year's Congress attendees are encouraged to stop by the booth in the scientific exhibit area of the Morial Convention Center to view the display and talk with the faculty who will be there to administer the test. All data will be recorded by code, and the name

of the volunteers, along with their linked code, will be kept secure and separate from the test data, which will have only a numerical code identifier. Test results will be sent only to the participant's personal physician and only if so desired, eliminating any concerns surgeons might have about the data slipping into the hands of unintended parties, such as plaintiff attorneys, Dr. Greenfield said. In five years, all participants will be contacted again and encouraged to repeat the test at that time.

The information gathered through the CANTAB should be helpful in answering many questions the public and the profession have about the longevity of some surgeons' careers.

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Dr. Alton Ochsner served as the 31st President of the College from 1951 to 1952.

John Ochsner is carrying on the family tradition of educating future thoracic surgeons and of caring for patients in New Orleans. He is chairman emeritus of the department of surgery at the Ochsner Clinic and is a clinical professor of surgery at Tulane University School of Medicine. In the past, he has served in a number of academic and clinical positions in the U.S.

A Fellow of the College since 1963, Dr. Ochsner is also a member of many national medical and surgical organizations, and has held leadership positions in several of them. For example, he has served as president of the International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery, the American Association for Thoracic

Surgery, the North American Chapter of the International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery, the Southern Surgical Association, and the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery. Dr. Ochsner also has been granted honorary membership and faculty positions at several international organizations and institutions. He serves on the editorial boards of a number of journals, is a prolific author, and is active in civic affairs.

Dr. Ochsner received his medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine and performed his internship at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he was also an assistant resident. He completed his residency at Baylor University Affiliated Hospital and at Texas Children's Hospital, both in Houston, TX.

Complimentary consultations on practice management available

Fellows are invited to register for a complimentary practice management consultation during this week's Clinical Congress. Consultations will take place at the ASC Resource Center, located near the general registration area in the Morial Convention Center.

The 30-minute consultations are being provided by Tom Loughrey of Economedix, a highly regarded consultant in the field of practice management. Fellows can address questions concerning practice management issues, such as coding and reimbursement, group mergers, contract negotiations, and so on.

Appointment slots are scheduled at the following times from Sunday, October 7, through Thursday, October 11:

9:00 am	9:30 am	10:00 am	10:45 am	11:15 am
11:45 am	1:00 pm	1:30 pm	2:00 pm	2:45 pm
3:15 pm	3:45 pm	4:15 pm		

Please stop by the ACS Resource Center to schedule your appointment.

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Dr. Greenfield noted that these questions include: Rather than select an arbitrary age for retirement, why not allow competent surgeons to continue active practice until there is evidence that deterioration has occurred? And of more concern, if we fail to provide assurances to the public, how can we defend against an attempt to legislate a solution? After all, senior drivers must pass examinations to continue to drive; why should surgeons be exempt from any measurement of declining performance?

"If we fall back on peer review and outcomes assessment, the criticism is that bad outcomes must occur before a change is recommended, and there are many examples of legal tactics that allow surgeons to continue to operate despite evidence that they should stop," Dr. Greenfield said. This sort of test, he said, will help to determine whether there are some surgeons whose skills have declined to the point where practicing surgery is no longer a viable option. "As 'cognitive' surgeons, we will be able to state that we are paying as much attention to the determination of our exit from the profession as to the requirements for admission," Dr. Greenfield said.

CANTAB is not a completely new

concept. Several years ago, a small study of volunteer faculties was conducted to measure their cognitive functioning, and some motor skills were tested using another computerized system called MicroCog. "The average age of surgeons tested was 56 years, and they scored in the predicted range for their age," Dr. Greenfield said. "We repeated the test five years later and found no significant declines in overall cognitive performance, though there was an age-related decrease in speed of cognitive processing.

"The lack of a measurable decline in cognitive performance could be due to better preservation in surgeons or, more likely, the test was not sufficiently sensitive to detect subtle changes in this population," Dr. Greenfield added.

CANTAB is essentially a more reliable and modernized MicroCog-related instrument. "Having taken both the MicroCog and CANTAB tests (see photo), I can attest to the value of the CANTAB, which takes only 20 minutes to complete, as opposed to the 45 minutes required to complete the MicroCog," Dr. Greenfield said. "The CANTAB test also moves easily from very easy items into more complex ones that are truly challenging but fun."



Dr. Greenfield (right) taking the MicroCog examination.

In addition, the exhibit itself is designed to overcome the possible distractions posed by its placement in the often crowded and clamorous exhibit area. "It uses a touch-screen method that is language-free, making it particularly suitable for potentially noisy environments," he added. "We are using a screened booth to avoid visual distractions, as well as ear protectors to minimize noise," he said.

The CANTAB booth may be found in the scientific exhibit area of the Morial Convention Center and will be open between the hours of 9:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Wednesday, and 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on Thursday.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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Dr. Satitpunwaycha to receive Distinguished Philanthropist Award

The Fellows Leadership Society will hold its 13th annual luncheon on Monday, October 8, beginning at 11:30 am at the Plimsoll Club, Versailles Room, 30th floor of the World Trade Center, at 2 Canal St. This year's luncheon will feature presentation of the 2001 ACS Distinguished Philanthropist Award to Pon Satitpunwaycha, MD, FACS. Through his generous support of the College's Development Program, Dr. Satitpunwaycha has contributed significantly to the research and education programs of the College, helping to ensure progress in the science and art of surgery, and ultimately benefitting surgical patients.

Born in Bangkok, Thailand, Dr. Satitpunwaycha graduated from Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Following a year of internship at the University Hospital, Dr. Satitpunwaycha came to the United States to continue medical training at Northwestern University, completing his general surgery training at Northwestern in 1969. In 1970, following certification by the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Satitpunwaycha returned to Thailand and began an academic career with con-

centration in the areas of kidney transplantation, vascular surgery, and trauma surgery. His dedication to surgery and the respect of his students led the university to quickly advance Dr. Satitpunwaycha to the rank of associate professor. After spending nine years engaged in research and teaching, Dr. Satitpunwaycha returned to the United States to pursue the "American Dream."

Following a six-month fellowship at the Texas Heart Institute, Dr. Satitpunwaycha began private practice as a general surgeon, affiliated with Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital in Houston, TX.

Currently specializing primarily in minimally invasive surgery, Dr. Satitpunwaycha actively applies advanced technology and patient care procedures to ensure faster patient recovery. Keeping abreast of advances in surgery, Dr. Satitpunwaycha is committed to sharing the latest in medical information with his patients. During the past eight years, he has published 12 booklets on subjects within the scope of his practice.

In addition to the College, Dr. Satitpunwaycha is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, Texas

Medical Association, American Medical Association, Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Society, Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons, Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons, American Society of General Surgeons, Southwestern Surgical Congress, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Society of Breast Surgeons, and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract.

As a community surgeon, Dr. Satitpunwaycha represents the highest ideals of the Fellows Leadership Society, as he faithfully serves his patients with care and commitment. Dr. Satitpunwaycha is the 12th recipient of the ACS Distinguished Philanthropist Award. Previous honorees have been Dr. and Mrs. Paul H. Jordan, Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. Eric T. Lincke; Dr. and Mrs. Neil Clements; Dr. and Mrs. Scott Woods; the Islami Family and Islami Foundation; Armand Hammer, MD; John Conley, MD, FACS; the Clowes Family and Clowes Fund of Indianapolis; Oliver H. Beahrs, MD, FACS; and Julius H. Jacobsen II, MD, FACS.

The Fellows Leadership Society was established in 1988 to provide a means of



Dr. Satitpunwaycha

recognizing the extraordinary contributions of Fellows and Friends of the College. Further information regarding the Development Program and membership in the Fellows Leadership Society is available at the Philanthropy booth in the ACS Resource Center, located in the registration area of the Morial Convention Center, or on the College's Web site at www.facs.org/development/fls.html.

Session to explore informatics and evidence-based medicine

The Regents' Committee on Informatics will sponsor a general session on Tuesday morning entitled Informatics and Evidence-Based Medicine: The Crossroad. The session will take place from 8:30 to 11:00 am in Conference Auditorium B of the Morial Convention Center. William D. Hardin, Jr., MD, FACS, Birmingham, AL, will serve as moderator.

The symposium will explore the interface between informatics and the evi-

dence-based medicine movement and its impending impact on the practice of surgery. Presentations will address the complexities of turning data into information, clinical intuition into practice standards, and the practice of surgery into a discipline rooted in scientific rigor. The benefits to surgeons, their patients, and the practice of surgery will be emphasized.

Scheduled topics and speakers: Evidence-Based Medicine: Overview,

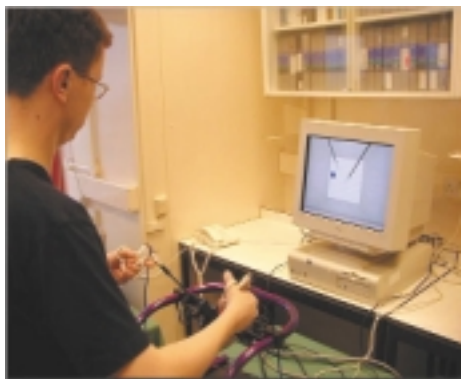
by Robin S. McLeod, MD, FACS, Toronto, ON; Data Management in Clinical Trials, by Brent Blumenstein, PhD, Durham, NC; Burn Care, Evidence-Based Medicine, and the TRACS Burn Registry, by Jeffrey R. Saffle, MD, FACS, Salt Lake City, UT; and Clinical Data and Practice Management, by Ronald B. Hirschl, MD, FACS, Ann Arbor, MI.

In addition, PG No. 13, Computers in Surgery: Basic Course, will be held

Monday and Tuesday in the Morial Convention Center. Specific times and locations may be found on page 156 of the Clinical Congress Program Book. PG No. 6, Computers in Surgery: Advanced Course, will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the Morial Convention Center. Specific times and locations for this advanced workshop may be found on page 137 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

CESTE features exhibit on surgical simulators

The ACS Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education



(CESTE) is sponsoring an exhibit of the "State of the Art in Surgical Simulation" this week in the Morial Convention Center.

First presented in 1999 at the Clinical Congress in Orlando, FL, the exhibit provides surgeons with an opportunity to use the surgical simulators and to experience their capabilities. Emerging simulation technology from government and academic laboratories will be on display.

One of the laparoscopic simulators, the MIST-VR, will be of special interest

to experienced laparoscopic surgeons. At this station, surgeons with experience in more than 50 laparoscopic procedures will be asked to test their skills in the MIST-VR and in a standard box trainer, in order to develop baseline data of basic skills performance that can be used to determine minimal criteria for skills training.

The CESTE exhibit is located in the scientific exhibit area of the convention center. All interested surgeons, residents, and students are invited to visit the exhibit and test their skills.



Named lectures: 87th Clinical Congress



David B. Skinner,
MD, FACS

American Urological Association Lecture

Sponsored by the AUA since 1967, featuring diverse topics in surgery.

Monday, 9:15-10:15 am
Morial Convention Center,
Conference Auditorium

“Evolution of an Academic Medical Center to an Academic Health System”



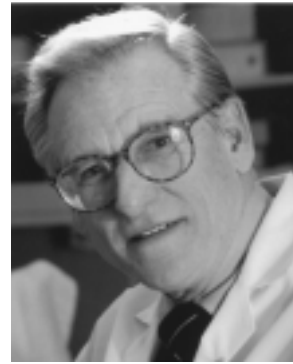
H. Harlan Stone,
MD, FACS

Scudder Oration on Trauma

Evolved from the Oration on Fractures (1929) to honor Charles Locke Scudder as a founding member of the College and major contributor to the surgery of trauma.

Tuesday, 1:30-2:15 pm
Morial Convention Center,
Conference Auditorium B

“Management of Colon Wounds”



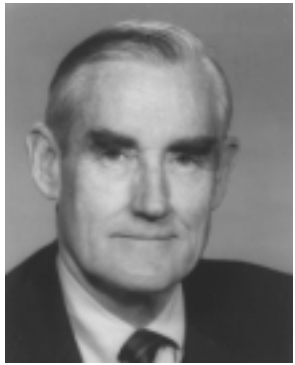
Robert H. Bartlett,
MD, FACS

I.S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences

Sponsored by the I.S. Ravdin Surgical Society since 1964 to honor I.S. Ravdin, MD, FACS, by promoting the application of basic sciences to surgery.

Wednesday, 1:30-2:15 pm
Morial Convention Center,
Conference Auditorium B

“Artificial Organs: Basic Science Needs Critical Care”



Vincent L. Gott,
MD, FACS

John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture

First delivered in 1979 to honor this pioneer of open-heart surgery.

Monday, 11:00 am-12:00 noon
Morial Convention Center,
Room 260-262

“2001-An Odyssey of Space and Cardiac Surgery”



Thomas J. Krizek,
MD, FACS

Ethics and Philosophy Lecture

Established in 1990 through the generosity of John J. Conley, MD, FACS, to support the exploration of ethical issues in surgery.

Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 am
Morial Convention Center,
Conference Auditorium B

“Surgery: An Impairing Profession?”



Jorge Cervantes,
MD, FACS

Distinguished Lecture of the International Surgery Society

Established in 1990 to honor distinguished international surgeons.

Wednesday, 3:00-4:00 pm
Morial Convention Center,
Conference Auditorium B

“Virchow's Legacy: Venous Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism”



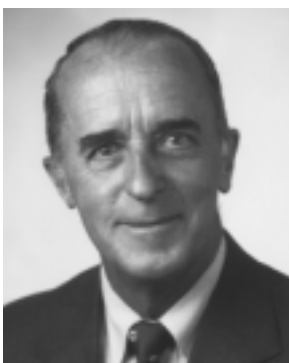
James T. Goodrich,
MD, PhD, FACS

Charles G. Drake History of Surgery Lecture

Sponsored by the Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery and first delivered in 1992 to explore the development of surgery.

Monday, 1:30-2:30 pm
Morial Convention Center,
Room 260-262

“Following the Travails of Andreas Vesalius (1519-1564)-His Contributions to the Development of Surgical Anatomy and Art: An Evolving Viewpoint from Medical Student to Professor”



Jon A. van Heerden,
MD, FACS

Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture

Established in 1987 to explore major developments in oncology and to focus on the surgeon's role in patient care.

Wednesday, 11:00 am-12:15 pm
Morial Convention Center,
Conference Auditorium B

“For Peter, Jerry, and Angela”



Rev. Peter J. Gomes

Martin Memorial Lecture

Established in 1946 to honor Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, founder of the College and his wife, Isabelle Hollister Martin.

Thursday, 3:15-3:55 pm
Morial Convention Center,
Conference Auditorium

“The Fractured Culture and the Search for Wholeness”

Operation Access brings care to uninsured

Many surgeons unselfishly donate their time and skills. Some Fellows travel the world to bring care to people in underdeveloped countries, such as the individuals who will speak during the multidisciplinary program, Surgical Outreach Beyond Our Borders: Mission and Mercy, which will take place from 1:30 to 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 10. (For a list of speakers and topics of this session, see page 65 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.)

Other surgeons keep their efforts closer to home, including the many Fellows who offered to help treat the victims of the recent attacks on the

World Trade Center in New York City. And still other surgeons demonstrate their altruism by providing charitable care to uninsured Americans. Among the latter group is William Schecter, MD, FACS, chief of general surgery at San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco, CA, and founder of Operation Access.

Operation Access was established in the early 1990s in response to the growing number of working people whose companies did not offer health care benefits and whose incomes were too low to pay managed care premiums and their other bills at the same time, leaving them uninsured. “They had to decide between an operation or to eat,” Dr.

Schecter said. “Food won out.”

Dr. Schecter founded Operation Access with his friend, Douglas Grey, MD, FACS, chief of thoracic and vascular surgery at Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center. Since 1993, the not-for-profit organization has averaged about 200 operations per year at 13 hospitals in seven counties of Northern California. Dr. Grey estimates that hundreds of surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses, and hospital administrators have volunteered their services.

These individuals are free to choose how much charity care they want to provide. Dr. Schecter does not discriminate between paying, insured patients and those referred by Operation Access. He

provides services to anyone who comes to him. Meanwhile, other surgeons have agreed to donate one Saturday per month to the cause.

Dr. Schecter said that the work performed by participants in Operation Access meets the highest calling of physicians. “It's really part of our medical ethic; it's what it's all about; its part of what our job is,” he added.

Surgeons who are interested in learning more about this organization should contact Betty Hong, executive director, Operation Access, 1409 Sutter St., Suite 301, San Francisco, CA 94109; tel. 415/931-3794, fax: 415/561-0833, e-mail operaccess@aol.com, Web site: <http://www.operationaccess.org>.

CAS-ACS to explore residency hours

Resident work hour limitation has been the subject of much debate and has recently been in the national medical news as regulatory agencies vie for jurisdiction over this important area. The Candidate and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS) believes it is crucial to take a proactive stance, to study the data behind this issue, and to formulate a model statement that will maintain excellence in patient care while addressing the issues.

The general meeting of CAS-ACS on Sunday afternoon, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in Room 220-222 of the Morial Convention Center, will address Working Hours in Residency Programs. Cases for and against the limitation of work hours will be presented by: David Leach, MD, executive director of the ACGME, and Andy C. Kiser, MD, FACS, past Chair of CAS-ACS. Discussion will follow using an interactive audience response system and will be facilitated by a panel of members of the CAS-ACS Issues Committee and experts such as J. Patrick O'Leary,

MD, FACS, former president of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery and Vice-Chair of the ACS Board of Governors, and Brian Burkey, MD, FACS, a member of the Committee on Young Surgeons who is a strong proponent of an 80-hour limit. The object is to produce a statement to present to the ACS Board of Regents for consideration as the College's official position on this issue.

In addition to the Sunday afternoon symposium, CAS-ACS is sponsoring a seminar on job finding and contract

negotiation with speaker R. Thomas Loughrey, MBA, chairman and chief executive officer of Economedix, LLC. The seminar will begin at 6:00 pm in Room 224 of the Morial Convention Center; a reception will be held immediately following the seminar in Room 218-219. All residents and Associate Fellows are invited to attend the reception and seminar.

Additional information regarding the CAS-ACS may be obtained at its booth in the ACS Resource Center in the Morial Convention Center.

AWS program examines alternative treatments

Alternative solutions for patients and physicians and networking with peers will be the focus of programs held by the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) during this year's Clinical Congress.

AWS will kick off its annual fall conference on Sunday, October 7, at 7:30 am in the New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 3. Tieraona LowDog, MD,

Lucinda Romero, MD, and Yona Nelson-Shulman, PhD, will speak on evidence-based approach to botanicals, medical acupuncture, and stress and success, respectively. The program will examine the history and uses of popular alternative treatments and will review the safety, toxicity, and dosage of botanicals; the various aspects of acupuncture; and effective cognitive

and behavioral approaches to stress management.

The association's annual business meeting and luncheon will follow the morning program in the Marriott's La Galerie 6. Business will include annual council elections as well as a vote on proposed changes to the bylaws.

On Wednesday, October 10, AWS will host a complimentary networking

breakfast for members and nonmembers. The event will take place from 7:00 am to 9:00 am at the Marriott, La Galerie 3.

While attending the Clinical Congress, plan to visit AWS booth #1822 in the exhibit hall at the Morial Convention Center. Visitors can obtain information regarding AWS programs and network with peers.

AWS to recognize outstanding women

The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) will hold its annual awards dinner on Sunday night at NOLA, in the French Quarter, 534 Rue St. Louis St. The association will recognize this year's winners of the Outstanding Woman Resident Award, Nina Starr Braunwald Award, Honorary Member Award, Distinguished Member Award, and the 2002 AWS Foundation's Ethicon Endo-Surgery Fellowship.

The Nina Starr Braunwald Award is presented to a member or nonmember surgeon in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of women in surgery. Linda G. Phillips, MD, FACS, is the recipient of this year's award. She is currently professor of surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Dr. Phillips has served as chair of the AWS Foundation since 1995. She has been a member since 1989 and served as president of AWS from 1992 to 1994.

The Distinguished Member Award is given to a member surgeon who exemplifies the ideals and mission of the association. This award will be presented to Sylvia M. Ramos, MD, FACS, and Mary C. McCarthy, MD, FACS. Dr. Ramos has been a member of the AWS since 1990 and has served on the AWS Council. Dr. McCarthy has been a member since 1989. She is also a past-president of the AWS and served on the ACS Board of Governors, special society governor (AWS) for six years.

Monica Maillet, PhD, will receive the Honorary Member Award, given to individuals supportive of the goals of the association. Dr. Maillet is in the Division of Medical Ethics at the University of Utah.

The Association of Women Surgeons is headquartered at 414 Plaza Dr., Ste. 209, Westmont, IL 60559; tel. 630/655-0392, fax 630/655-0391; e-mail info@womensurgeons.org.



The Crescent City hosts the Clinical Congress for the fourth time.

CESTE programs will consider clinical pathways, new technology

The Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education (CESTE) will sponsor two general sessions on Monday, October 8.

Clinical Pathways: Process Design and the Surgeon will be held from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon in Room 255-257 of the Morial Convention Center. Ronald

V. Maier, MD, FACS, Seattle, WA, will moderate the program. The impact of no process, volunteer and service-driven processes, and related competency issues will be discussed. A complete listing of this session (GS 03) may be found on page 27 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

New Technology for Old Disease: What's Proven, What's Not, will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in Conference Auditorium B of the Morial Convention Center. Richard J. Finley, MD, FACS, Vancouver, BC, will serve as moderator. Topics will include living donors, treatment of anorectal

disease, radiofrequency ablation of malignancy, bariatric surgery, and off-pump minimally invasive cardiac surgery. A complete listing of this general session (GS 07) may be found on page 29 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

Liability and patient safety issues to be addressed this week

With major changes occurring in health care, it is important for physicians to become aware of new areas of physician liability brought about by business/professional arrangements being made with a wide variety of health care organizations. The ACS Regents' Committee on Patient Safety and Professional Liability is sponsoring three sessions this week to address current liability issues: PG Course No. 1—Physician Liability in a Changing Health Care Environment, and two panel discussions entitled Holding HMOs Accountable: The Texas Experience, and Patient Safety in Surgery: From Basic Science to Bedside.

PG No. 1, Physician Liability in a Changing Health Care Environment, will be held on Sunday, October 7, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, Grand Ballroom C. The co-chairs for the course are Susan H. Adelman, MD, FACS, Detroit, MI, and F. Dean Griffen, MD, FACS, Shreveport, LA.

The objectives of this course are to review the new areas of physician liability that occur in the managed care era, including contract liability, delay of care, and denial of care, as well as identifying the traditional high-risk areas of surgical practice and the importance of careful documentation in the medical record. In addition, a road map to the legal system and the perspectives of plaintiff and defense attorneys will seek to diminish anxiety about unknowns in the legal process. Methods available to deal with these risks will be discussed, including the systems approach to error prevention. Proactive advice will be given on how to avoid a lawsuit, how to proceed when one is sued, and how to protect one's mental health during this process.

Upon completion, participants will have learned about new areas of physician liability as well as traditional high-risk areas of surgical practice. Patient safety, risk management, and risk prevention will be emphasized. Participants will learn about the legal process and its psychological impact, depositions, and courtroom strategies.

Panel Discussion: Holding HMOs Accountable: The Texas Experience will take place on Tuesday, October 9, from 8:00 to 10:00 am, in Room 220-222 of the Morial Convention Center. Michael McArthur, MD, FACS, Tyler, TX, will serve as moderator for the panel discussion. Panelists include George Young, Robert Provan, and Donald Wilcox. Mr. Young will address the current status of the Texas HMO liability statute and the strategies that can be used to avoid being joined in lawsuits because of HMO misconduct. Mr. Provan will discuss class action lawsuits by Texas, other state medical societies, and individual physicians against HMOs and PPOs for violation of state and federal laws. Mr. Wilcox will review the challenges to physicians in providing high-quality care under the restrictions imposed by for-profit managed care companies.

Panel Discussion: Patient Safety in Surgery: From Basic Science to Bedside will be held on Wednesday, October 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, in Room 343-345 of the Morial Convention Center. Kenneth A. Kern, MD, FACS, Hartford, CT, will serve as moderator for the session.

Attendees will be introduced to (1) the epidemiology of error in surgical patients, (2) the basic science of understanding human and system errors, (3) practical approaches to identifying and reducing preventable errors in surgery, and (4) regulatory efforts to track progress in medical error reduction.



Dr. Adelman



Dr. Griffen



Dr. McArthur



Dr. Kern

Panelists and their topics are: Atul Gawande, MD, Boston, MA, Epidemiology of Errors in Surgery; Richard I. Cook, MD, Chicago, IL, Human Factors and Cognitive Approaches to Error Prevention in Surgery; J. Forrest

Calland, MD, Charlottesville, VA, Error Reduction in Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy and Multistep Surgery; and Bryan A. Liang, MD, PhD, JD, Carbondale, IL, the Federal Regulatory Role in Patient Safety.



Jim Henry offers College jewelry

In technical exhibit booth 340, many Congress participants will recognize a familiar exhibitor—Jim Henry, Inc. For over 40 years, Jim Henry has offered Fellows of the College an array of official ACS ties, jewelry, and other items from the family-run business.

Items available for purchase during the Clinical Congress include ACS ties for men and women, blazer patches and buttons, special plaques and desk accessories, and a popular custom-designed ring with the ACS Seal.

Initiates will be most interested in the "Alpha Series" custom frames that display your personal picture, the ACS Fellowship Certificate, and the ACS Pledge. These frames were introduced at last year's meeting.

Jim Henry, Inc., is located at 435 37th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174; tel. 630/584-6500, fax 630/584-3036.

College establishes Archives and Records Program

The Board of Regents recently approved the initiation of an Archives and Records Program and the hiring of a full-time archivist to develop and implement the program. A good record-keeping program is needed to document past actions, provide accountability, meet external record-keeping requirements, and provide organizational memory.

Susan Rishworth joined the College in June as Project Archivist. Mrs. Rishworth's priorities include, among others, the taping of oral history interviews, arranging for a regular series of *Bulletin* articles on the history of surgery, surveying best practices on how others handle their historic records, and beginning the arrangement, description, and re-housing of College records. Several oral history interviews are

scheduled this week with Past Presidents and Board of Regents Chairs. Mrs. Rishworth is now making appeals for submissions of articles related to any aspect of the history of surgery and would like to hear from you if you care to contribute an article or are interested in helping form a Special Interest Group on the History of Surgery.

Mrs. Rishworth will be at the Durham Room on the third floor of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel Sunday through Wednesday of this week. She will have some photographs from the early years of the College. Drop by to see if you can help identify any of these photographs. Mrs. Rishworth may also be contacted at College headquarters at 312/202-5270 or via e-mail at srishworth@facs.org.

Programa Hispanico to be held on Thursday

The ACS Program Committee is pleased to again offer Programa Hispanico, to be held on Thursday, October 11, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, in La Nouvelle AB of the Morial Convention Center. The program, which will be delivered simultaneously in Spanish and English, is presented in order to enhance the educational value and information exchange among Spanish-speaking Fellows. It will consist of state-of-the-art presentations on topics that are currently developing or evolving in general surgery.

Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS, Seattle, WA, will serve as moderator for the program, which debuted at last year's Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL. The complete program follows.

Session I—Nutrition and Surgery, Dealing with the Two Extremes
Co-moderator: Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS, *Seattle, WA*
Co-moderator: Jose F. Patino, MD, FACS(Hon), *Bogota, DC, Colombia*

Welcome and Introduction
Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS, *Seattle, WA*

Surgery for Morbid Obesity
Marco G. Patti, MD, FACS, *San Francisco, CA*

Techniques and Results of Laparoscopic Gastric By-Pass
Michel Gagner, MD, FACS, *New York, NY*

Nutrition in the Surgical Patient: Assessing the Risks and Improving the Outcomes
Jaime Escallon, MD, FACS, *Bogota, Colombia*

Nutrition in the Surgical Patient: Deciding the Best Route and the Best Regimen
Stanley J. Dudrick, MD, FACS, *Bridgeport, CT*

Closing Remarks
Jose F. Patino, MD, FACS(Hon), *Bogota, DC, Colombia*

Session II—Abdominal Wall and Endocrine Surgery for General Surgeons
Co-moderator: Barry A. Salky, MD, FACS, *New York, NY*
Co-moderator: Jorge Cervantes, MD, FACS, *Mexico City, Mexico*

Inguinal Hernia and Laparoscopy: When, Why, and How?
Robert J. Fitzgibbons, Jr., MD, FACS, *Omaha, NE*

Ventral Hernia and Laparoscopy: When, Why, and How?
Karl A. LeBlanc, MD, MBA, FACS, *Baton Rouge, LA*

Laparoscopic Treatment of Adrenal Tumors
Quan-Yang Duh, MD, FACS, *San Francisco, CA*

Thyroid Cancer in Latin America: Update on Treatment
H. Pablo Curutchet, MD, FACS, *Buenos Aires, CF, Argentina*

Closing Remarks
Jorge Cervantes, MD, FACS, *Mexico City, DF, Mexico*

Session III—Trauma
Co-moderator: Erwin F. Hirsch, MD, FACS, *Boston, MA*
Co-moderator: Gerald O. Strauch, MD, FACS, *Chicago, IL*

Trauma Voyage
Ricardo Sonneborn, MD, FACS, *Santiago, Chile*

Laparoscopy in Trauma: Myths and Realities
Samir Rasslan, MD, FACS, *Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil*

Difficult Injuries. Difficult Problems
Juan A. Asensio, MD, FACS, *Los Angeles, CA*

Trauma Management 2001 in an Environment with Limited Resources
Jorge E. Foianini, MD, FACS, *Santa Cruz, Bolivia*

Closing Remarks (Topic)
Erwin F. Hirsch, MD, FACS, *Boston, MA*

Closing Remarks (Program)
Gerald O. Strauch, MD, FACS, *Chicago, IL*

Do surgical specialties still attract “best and brightest?”

The ACS Committee on Surgical Education in Medical Schools will sponsor a general session on Tuesday morning to consider Surgery and Its Specialties: Are We Still Attracting the Best and the Brightest? The symposium will take place from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in the Morial Convention Center, Room 217-219.

Toni M. Ganzel, MD, FACS, Louisville, KY, will serve as moderator for the symposium, which features four leading surgical educators.

The field of surgery, often called the “Prince of Sciences” and the “Queen of

Arts,” has historically attracted the best and the brightest of medical students. However, the pool of medical school applicants is changing, both demographically and culturally.

The demographics of medical students today are very different than even a decade ago. Today's graduating medical students are nearly 50 percent women, have more nontraditional backgrounds (older, with previous careers in either medical or nonmedical fields), and are more likely to be drawn from minority populations.

In addition to demographic changes,

“Generation X” is coming of age and applying to medical schools. Sociologists have characterized this generation as highly focused on technology, less concerned with higher income than their “Baby Boomer” parents, and much more focused on lifestyle issues, such as balancing their personal and professional lives.

The field of surgery lends itself well and is a good match with some these characteristics, but is clearly at odds with others. Dealing with this problem will require critical analysis of who we are, what we do, and, perhaps most

importantly, how we do it. Furthermore, it will require developing innovative ways of marketing our field to this new breed of medical student to ensure that our resident applicant pool continues to contain the most qualified graduating medical students.

Panelists for this timely session are: Hiram C. Polk, Jr., MD, FACS, Louisville, KY; Mark B. Orringer, MD, FACS, Ann Arbor, MI; J. Roland Folse, MD, FACS, Springfield, IL; and Leigh A. Neumayer, MD, FACS, Salt Lake City, UT.

ACS Surgery: Principles and Practice unveiled during Congress

In collaboration with WebMD®, the American College of Surgeons is pleased to announce a new title for *Scientific American® Surgery—ACS Surgery: Principles and Practice*. *ACS Surgery* is the first Web-based surgical reference for practicing surgeons, and allows immediate access to updated procedures, recommendations, and developments important to your daily practice.

“This week marks an exciting new era for the American College of Surgeons in its ongoing efforts to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient by setting high standards for surgical education and practice with the introduction of the newly published

ACS Surgery: Principles and Practice,” said Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, Executive Director of the College.

ACS Surgery is the only continuously updated comprehensive information service for practicing surgeons. Utilizing the most innovative modern technologies to convey its unique messages, the *ACS Surgery* surgical information system applies “the best of current surgical thinking to the practice of modern surgery,” according to Douglas W. Wilmore, MD, FACS, *ACS Surgery* editorial chairman and the Frank Sawyer Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

This week, for the first time, all pieces of the system are available for examina-

tion and purchase during the Clinical Congress. A new professionally designed bound volume forms the foundation of the *ACS Surgery* surgical information system. As a special one-time feature, this annual resource includes a CD-ROM containing the algorithms and exquisite illustrations (many in full color) made famous in *Scientific American® Surgery* and ready for your use in presentations or for educational purposes. Monthly updates to this encyclopedic reference appear on the Web (*ACS Surgery* is the first and only Web-enabled surgical reference). A Web-based self-assessment program offering 120 Category 1 CME credits a year is also being offered for the first time.

During the Congress, you can purchase the inaugural version of the *ACS Surgery* Surgical Information System at a special introductory price of \$149—a \$50 savings off the \$199 price, which takes effect November 1. The system includes the following: A bound volume, a CD-ROM containing illustrations and algorithms, monthly Web updates, and a self-assessment program offering 120 Category 1 CME credits (a nominal \$50 processing fee applies).

Orders can be placed at the WebMD booth #1754 in the technical exhibit area, as well as at the *ACS Surgery* stand near the College's Publications Booth.

SESAP 11 debuts this week

The American College of Surgeons unveils the 11th edition of its classic home-study program, the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP), in the ACS Resource Center this week. Stop by to see and enroll in the new edition during registration hours Sunday through Thursday.

The SESAP independent home study program is designed to help practicing

surgeons maintain a sound and current knowledge base in clinical surgery. Based on the opinions of expert surgeons and the published literature, SESAP 11 contains 650 items in 17 core subject areas with critiques and references, all thoroughly peer-reviewed for timeliness, clinical significance, and educational value.

SESAP is provided in both book and CD-ROM (Windows or Macintosh) formats for maximum versatility. Either

may be used to obtain up to 60 hours of Category 1 CME credit. Faster and easier access to answers, Medline abstracts for the references, and easy navigation make the SESAP 11 CD-ROM a winner. This edition includes a more robust search feature and a user-friendly index that gives you the freedom to construct your own information groupings.

The College and the American Board of Surgery (ABS) have agreed that

SESAP is an excellent tool for preparing for certification and recertification, notes Ward O. Griffen, Jr., MD, FACS, the scientific coordinator of this 11th edition. In fact, documented participation in SESAP can be used as evidence of CME on the application to the ABS for admission to the recertification examination. SESAP also meets the criteria for 60 Category 1 credits as defined by the American Medical Association.

SESAP now available in audio format

With the latest release of the Surgical Education Self-Assessment Program (SESAP), the American College of Surgeons is pleased to announce its availability in a time-saving audio format. SESAP Audio Companion is designed to help surgeons maintain a sound and current knowledge base in clinical surgery. It provides surgeons with the opportunity to stay abreast of current surgical develop-

ments and earn required continuing education credits in a convenient audio format.

SESAP Audio Companion, a 24-issue program, is coordinated by editor-in-chief J. Patrick O'Leary, MD, FACS. Dr. O'Leary, a SESAP 11 Committee Co-Chair, is chairman of surgery, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA, and Vice-Chair of the ACS

Board of Governors. For each issue, Dr. O'Leary interviewed SESAP faculty members or other noted experts. Issues include 80 minutes of pearl-filled audio, learning aids in the form of index cards complete with a filing system, and a 15-question CME quiz. Subscribers can earn two credits per issue, or 48 credits for the entire 24-issue program.

SESAP Audio Companion will be

offered in 12- and 24-issue subscription formats, and College members are eligible for special rates. To find out more, visit the display in the registration area of the Morial Convention Center during exhibit hours. Or contact Oakstone Medical Publishing at 800/633-4743 or 205/991-5188, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm central time; Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm central time.

CME credit

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The American College of Surgeons designates that this continuing medical education offering also meets the criteria for hour-to-hour credit in Category 1 as outlined by the American Medical Association for the Physicians' Recognition Award.

To record your attendance for continuing medical education and recertification requirements, use the card that is bound into the back of the official Clinical Congress Program Book. Extra copies of these cards may be obtained at the Message and Information Centers in the Morial Convention Center. These cards are for your personal record and in most circumstances do not need to be validated.

Role of genetics in surgery to be examined

On Tuesday morning the Surgical Research and Education Committee will sponsor a symposium entitled Understanding the Human Genome and How It Will Revolutionize the Practice of Surgery. The session will be held from 8:00 to 10:30 am in Room 356-357 of the Morial Convention Center.

Timothy J. Eberlein, MD, FACS, St. Louis, MO, will serve as moderator. The program will highlight the role genetics

will play in the everyday work of a surgeon. It will specifically emphasize the advances genetics has made in the management of trauma/sepsis, the new field of pharmacogenetics, and how genetics will impact the diagnosis and treatment of cancer syndromes.

A complete listing of the general session (GS 10) may be found on page 31 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

Can surgical education survive?

The Graduate Medical Education Committee is sponsoring a symposium on Monday afternoon entitled Can Surgical Education Survive in Medicine's Changing Economic Environment? The session will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in Conference Auditorium C on the second floor of the Morial Convention Center. Rodney J. Taylor, MD, FACS, Omaha, NE, will

serve as moderator. The program will provide an overview of the Balanced Budget Amendment's impact on academic health centers, as well as offer some innovative educational tools to aid in preserving excellence in surgical education. A complete listing of speakers and topics for this general session (GS 08) may be found on page 29 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

National Cancer Data Base reports may be previewed this week

Visitors to the Commission on Cancer section of the ACS Resource Center in the Morial Convention Center will have an opportunity to preview prototype benchmark reports of data from the National Cancer Data Base. These reports will give authorized users the opportunity to connect via the Internet to a secure Web site for easy access to online information on cancer patients diagnosed and treated at their facility. Users will have the ability to make a series of selections from drop-down menus by pointing and clicking to compare their facilities cancer patient treatment patterns with hospitals in their state, in their region, or in the U.S. for

specific cancer types. Users can also select output formats for the data, such as tables, bars, or pie charts. These data will allow individual facilities the opportunity to analyze how treatment of their cancer patients differs or is the same as that at like facilities, and they can use these data to make quality improvements in the type of care they provide over time. The reports will become available online at the end of the year. Samples are available on the Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care/Cancer page of the College's Web site at www.facs.org/dept/cancer/coc/springmeeting.html.

JACS on display

The Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS) welcomes Clinical Congress attendees at booth #115 in the technical exhibit area. The Editor-in-Chief, Executive Editor, Managing Editor, and the publisher—Elsevier Science, Inc.—are pleased to greet read-

ers, subscribers, and Fellows and to discuss suggestions and comments about future issues and topics. Access to the JACS Web site is available at the booth—including the JACS Web site CME-1 program.

Registration locations and hours

If you have received your credentials for the Clinical Congress, to confirm your attendance, simply turn in your verification card at the advance registration desk to receive a badge holder and Clinical Congress Program Book. The registration area in the Morial Convention Center will be open at the following times: Sunday, October 7, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Monday, October 8, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm; Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm; Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 am, to 5:00 pm; and Thursday, October 11, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. As a convenience, advance registration will be open Sunday only, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

If you received a badge or Postgraduate Course ticket in the mail, you may redeem your verification card for a badge holder, Program Book, and PG manual at these locations.

Allied Meetings

Sunday

Morning

Surgical Biology Club - Scientific Session
6:30 am - 1:30 pm Breakfast
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Jasperwood, Floor 3

Adolor Corporation/Patient Management
6:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast Meeting
Windsor Court, La Gallery A/B Floor 4

Pfizer/Surgical Infection
7:00 am - 11:30 am Meeting
Hyatt Regency New Orleans,Regency A, Floor 3

AstraZeneca/Pneumonia in SICU
7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast Meeting
Fairmont New Orleans, Imperial Ballroom, Mezzanine

Surgical Biology Club II
7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon C Sec. 18, Floor 1

Association of Women Surgeons Fall Conference
7:30 am - 1:00 pm Breakfast Meeting
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 3, Floor 2

Image-Detected Breast Cancer
8:00 am - 11:00 am Breakfast Meeting
Hyatt Regency, Cabildo AB, Floor 2

Baxter Hyland Immuno/Fibrin Sealants
8:00 am - 12:00 pm Breakfast Meeting
Wyndham at Canal Place, Ballroom I & II, Floor 12

Pharmacia/Wound Infection
8:30 am - 12:00 pm Breakfast Meeting
Hotel Inter-Continental, La Salle A, Floor 3

Bayer Pharmaceuticals/Infections
9:00 am - 11:30 am Breakfast Meeting
New Orleans Marriott, Bissonet, Floor 3

Pfizer/Pharmacia/Perioperative Pain Management
9:30 am - 12:00 pm Meeting
Hotel Inter-Continental

TissueLink/Hepatic Resection
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Meeting
Wyndham Canal, Crescent Ballroom

Afternoon

Association of VA Surgeons - Council of Chiefs
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon
Hotel Inter-Continental, Poydras Room, Floor 3

Association of Women Surgeons Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 6, Floor 2

American Hernia Society Board of Governors Business Luncheon
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Luncheon
New Orleans Marriott, Lafayette, Floor 41

Surgical Infection Society
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Meeting
Wyndham at Canal Place, Terrace, Floor 12

Association of VA Surgeons - Council of Chiefs
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Meeting
Hotel Inter-Continental, Pelican II, Floor 3

Evening

American Society for Bariatric Surgery - Executive Council
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Dinner
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Marlborough B, Floor 2

Association of VA Surgeons - Council of Chiefs
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Reception
Hotel Inter-Continental, Poydras Room, Floor 3

Cook County Surgical Alumni - Karl Meyer Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon C Sec. 16, Floor 1

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon D Sec. 19, Floor 1

Parkland Surgical Society/North Texas Chapter American College of Surgeons and Department of Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Melrose, Floor 3

Monday

Morning

Association for Surgical Education - Foundation Board
7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advanced Surgical Techniques - Editorial Board
7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast Meeting
Hotel Inter-Continental, Poydras Room, Floor 3

Mont Reid Surgical Society of the University of Cincinnati - "Meet the Chairman"
11:00 am - 1:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Versailles Ballroom, Floor 3

Afternoon

Association for Surgical Education - Curriculum Committee
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Rosedown, Floor 3

Association for Academic Surgery - Executive Council
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon C Sec. 16, Floor 1

Evening

Walter F. Pizzi Surgical Society
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon B Sec. 10, Floor 1

William Beaumont Hospital Surgical Alumni
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon B Sec. 12, Floor 1

Tulane University Department of Surgery
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Kabby's, Floor 2

Dartmouth Hitchcock Surgical Society Annual Dinner
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception/Dinner
Fairmont New Orleans, Explorer's Room, Floor 2

Mount Sinai Medical Center Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon A Sec. 4, Floor 1

University of Iowa Department of Surgery Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon A Sec. 3, Floor 1

Brigham and Women's Hospital Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Grand Ballroom C, Floor 1

Cornell University Medical College Alumni
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon D Sec. 21, Floor 1

Wright State University - Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 2, Floor 2

Temple University Medical Alumni Association/Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Rosedown, Floor 3

West Virginia University Department of Surgery Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Prince of Wales, Floor 2

Hershey Surgical Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon C Sec. 15, Floor 1

University of Alabama School of Medicine Alumni, Faculty and Friends
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon B Sec. 7, Floor 1

Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Department of Surgery and Office of Alumni Relations
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Wyndham at Canal Place, Riverbend Terrace, Floor 11

Illinois Chapter, ACS
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
New Orleans Marriott, Lafayette, Floor 41

UCLA School of Medicine Department of Surgery and the William P. Longmire Surgical Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 4, Floor 2

University of Wisconsin Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Reception
Wyndham at Canal Place, Ballroom I, Floor 12

University of Missouri - Kansas City Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
New Orleans Marriott, Napoleon, Floor 41

Yale Surgical Society, Yale University School of Medicine, Yale-New Haven Hospital
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Wyndham at Canal Place, Ballroom II, Floor 12

University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine/Knoxville, Department of Surgery Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Wyndham at Canal Place, Executive Room, Floor 12

St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Wyndham at Canal Place, Salon, Floor 12

University of Pittsburgh Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 1, Floor 2

SUNY-Downstate Department of Surgery/Alumni Association/Clarence Dennis Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras B, Floor 3

The Departments of Surgery at the University of Florida, University of Miami and University of South Florida and the Florida and South Florida Chapters of the American College of Surgeons
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception/Dinner
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Grand A, Floor 1

The Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Grand C, Floor 1

Creighton University Department of Surgery - Alumni
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reception
Hotel Inter-Continental, Pelican Room II, Floor 3

Minnesota Chapter, ACS
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon A, Floor 1

Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Fairmont New Orleans, Rex Room, Mezzanine

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Alumni
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Wyndham at Canal Place, River Room, Floor 12

Emory University Department of Surgery
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception
Fairmont New Orleans, University Room, Floor 2

UT-Houston Medical School/MD Anderson Cancer Center Department of Surgery Alumni
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Reception
Wyndham at Canal Place, Terrace, Floor 12

UTMB - Singleton Surgical Society
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Jasperwood, Floor 3

Department of Surgery/The John Hopkins University School of Medicine
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon D Sec. 19, Floor 1

University of Mississippi Surgical Society Annual Meeting and Reception
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

University of Connecticut Department of Surgery
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception
Royal Sonesta, Bienville Room

Surgical Section of the National Medical Association - Governor's Reception
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Versailles Ballroom, Floor 3

Tuesday

Morning

ISDS (Formerly CICD)
6:30 am - 8:00 am Breakfast Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon B Sec. 12, Floor 1

Indiana Chapter, ACS
7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Jasperwood, Floor 3

University of Chicago, Department of Surgery - Surgical Journal Editors
7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast
Royal Sonesta, Madewood Room, Floor 2

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - ASCRS Socioeconomic Committee
7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Lg Riverside 4110, Floor 4

International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons
10:30 am - 2:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 1, Floor 2

Program Changes

Postgraduate Courses cancelled

The following Postgraduate (PG) Courses have been cancelled due to poor preregistration: PG No. 22: Laparoscopy and Urology, PG No. 25: Pre-and Postoperative Care, and PG No. 26: Anesthetic Innovations for Improving Surgery and Postoperative Pain Control.

PG01

Image Guided Breast Biopsy

Sunday, October 7, 7:30 am - 12:00 pm
Mark A. Gittleman, MD, FACS, replaces Michael J. Edwards, MD, FACS, as presenter for "Interventional Breast Ultrasound."

Motion Picture Sessions

Transplantation

Monday, October 8, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Morial Convention Center, Room 346-347

Coordinator and Presiding Officer: J. Michael Henderson, *Cleveland, OH*

Multiple Abdominal Organ Procurement from a Cadaveric Donor

David Kaczorowski, MD, *Baltimore, MD*

Lloyd E. Ratner, MD, *Baltimore, MD*
Marion Borowiecki, MD, *Baltimore, MD*

Karen Kennedy, MD, *Baltimore, MD*
Matthew Cooper, MD, *Baltimore, MD*
Henrie Tan, MD, *Baltimore, MD*

Robert T. Montgomery, MD, *Baltimore, MD*

Todd Ponsky, MD, *Baltimore, MD*
Discussant: J. Michael Henderson, *Cleveland, OH*

In Situ Splitting of the Liver for One Adult and One Pediatric Recipient

D.C. Broering, MD, *Hamburg, Germany*

C. Hillert, MD, *Hamburg, Germany*
X. Rogiers, MD, *Hamburg, Germany*

Segmental Living Related Donor Liver Transplant

Emilio Vicente, MD, FACS, *Madrid, Spain*

Manuel L. Santamaria, MD, *Madrid, Spain*

Yolanda Quijano, MD, *Madrid, Spain*
M. Gamez, MD, *Madrid, Spain*

Javier Nuno, MD, *Madrid, Spain*
J. Murcia, MD, *Madrid, Spain*

Pedro Lopez Hervas, MD, *Madrid, Spain*

Juan Carlos Meneu, MD, *Madrid, Spain*

Juan A. Tovar, MD, *Madrid, Spain*

Live Donor Adult Liver Transplantation Using Right Lobe Grafts: The Donor Operation

Elizabeth Pomfret, MD, PhD, *Burlington, MA*

James Pomposelli, MD, PhD, *Burlington, MA*

W. David Lewis, MD, FACS, *Burlington, MA*

Roger L. Jenkins, MD, FACS, *Burlington, MA*

Robotic Assisted Donor Nephrectomy

Santiago Horgan, MD, *Chicago, IL*

Daniel Vanuno, MD, *Chicago, IL*

Enrico Benedetti, MD, FACS, *Chicago, IL*

W. Scott Helton, MD, FACS, *Chicago, IL*

Discussant: Todd Ponsky, MD, *Baltimore, MD*

Double Adult Kidney Transplantation Using Single Arterial and Single Venous Anastomoses

Dai D. Nghiem, MD, FACS, *Pittsburgh, PA*

Discussant: Santiago Horgan, MD, *Chicago, IL*

Multivisceral Transplantation

Andreas G. Tzakis, MD, FACS, *Miami, FL*

Werviston De Faria, MD, *Miami, FL*

Evangelos P. Misiakos, MD, *Miami, FL*

Rodrigo Vianna, MD, *Miami, FL*

Antonio D. Pinna, MD, *Miami, FL*

Discussant: J. Michael Henderson, *Cleveland, OH*

General Surgery I

Monday, October 8, 1:30 - 5:00 pm

The following panelists have been added:

B. Todd Heniford, MD, FACS, *Charlotte, NC*

Edward J. Quebbeman, MD, FACS, *Milwaukee, WI*

Robert Udelsman, MD, FACS, *New Haven, CT*

Subject-Oriented Symposium II: Colon and Rectal Surgery

Monday, October 8, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

The following panelists have been added:

Marvin L. Corman, MD, FACS, *Los Angeles, CA*

Philip H. Gordon, MD, FACS, *Montreal, PQ*

Kirk A. Ludwig, MD, FACS, *Durham, NC*

PG course manuals available on CD-ROM

A CD-ROM containing 20 Postgraduate (PG) course syllabi from the 2001 Clinical Congress is now on sale. The CD may be purchased for \$30 each at the ACS Publications Booth in the Morial Convention Center.

The following PG manuals are included on the CD:

PG 03: Professional Liability and Risk Management in a Changing Health Care Environment

PG 07: Head and Neck Surgery

PG 09: Diseases of the Liver, Biliary Tract, and Pancreas

PG 10: Vascular Surgery

PG 11: Thoracic Surgery

PG 12: Current Controversies in Cancer Management

PG 14: Gastrointestinal Disease

PG 19: Minimal Access Surgery

PG 20: Clinical Update in Trauma

PG 21: Cardiac Surgery

PG 22: Laparoscopy and Urology

PG 23: Surgical Infection and Antibiotics

PG 24: Breast Disease

PG 25: Pre- and Postoperative Care (Nutritional Support)

PG 26: Anesthetic Innovations for Improving Surgery and Postoperative Pain Control

PG 29: Practical Operating Room Management for Surgeons

PG 31: Complex Hemangiomas and Vascular Malformations

PG 32: Perioperative Care of the Anemic Patient

PG 34: Colon and Rectal Surgery

PG 35: The Anatomy and Surgical Correction of Groin and Abdominal Wall Hernias

Following the Clinical Congress, the CD-ROM will be available for sale on the College's Web site at www.facs.org.



ACS launches CME Joint Sponsorship Program

The Office of Continuing Medical Education of the American College of Surgeons has announced the launch of a CME Joint Sponsorship Program. The program will be conducted by the ACS as a national accrediting organization under the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and will offer cost-effective joint sponsorship to not-for-profit surgical organizations nationwide for the CME programs and meetings.

Further information and application materials are available from the program's administrator, Kathleen Goldsmith, at JSP@facs.org.

First Aid

The First Aid office is located in the Morial Convention Center. The telephone number is 582-3096. The hours are: Sunday, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm; Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm; and Friday, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Congress Notes

Program participants may review slides and films

Beginning on Sunday at 6:00 am, participants may review their slides and films in the Speaker Ready Room, Hall E, Morial Convention Center.

Ticket holders

Postgraduate course tickets are sized to fit into the Congress badge holders. You can keep track of your ticket(s) by sliding it into the holder behind your badge and revealing it at the door as you enter the course room.

Portraits

Arrangements have been made with Oscar & Associates to photograph Initiates and Fellows of the College who want to have full color or black-and-white portraits taken in Fellowship robes. A photographer will be available in Hall E of the Morial Convention Center during the following times: Sunday from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm, Monday through Wednesday from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm, and Thursday from 7:30 am until 7:00 pm.

It is suggested that you arrange for your sitting as early in the week as possible. Oscar & Associates will have an assortment of official Fellowship caps and gowns available for your use. There is no charge for the sitting itself. Proofs will be viewed in full color, from which you may order either color or black-and-white finished photographs. A schedule of rates is available at the studio and appointment desk.

Initiates and Fellows who elect to be photographed will see their "proofs" via video screen immediately after their sitting. Although the photography is done by conventional process, an Eastman Kodak electronic previewing system will be used, which allows for simultaneous recording on film and video. This system allows the subject to select favorite views prior to leaving the studio area.

Exhibit rules

More than 150 scientific and approximately 300 technical exhibits will be on display in the Morial Convention Center. Hours are: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, Thursday. Scientific and technical exhibits are located in Hall E.

Persons 16 years of age or older who are accompanying surgeons are welcome to tour the exhibit areas. They must register and pay \$50 at the Social Program registration area in the Morial Convention Center, Hall E. Children under the age of 16 will not be admitted to the exhibit areas.

Medical students, nurses, and allied health personnel may tour the exhibit areas without charge, provided they are registered and have a name badge.

Spouses who register for the Social Program may use the badge they receive to enter the exhibit areas. All other persons registered for the Clinical Congress may gain admittance by showing their official badge.

Help and Information Center

The Help and Information Center, located in Hall E of the convention center, can provide you with messages, information about the programs and related activities, and the names of individuals who are registered and their hotels.

Once again, we will offer the MSv2 video-computer Internet messaging system. The ACS Electronic Message System will utilize advanced network technology to connect video message kiosks that are located in prominent areas of the Morial Convention Center. Any person who has access to the Internet may leave a message using the show messaging address: **clinicalcongress2001.postmessage.com**.

Simply search the list of attendees, then post a message in their mailbox. Within minutes, the name will appear on the video-paging monitors along with the message posted on site. The attendee sees his or her name and retrieves the message from their mailbox to read, print, or reply. Also, look for conference and exhibitor updates on the information kiosks located throughout the Morial Convention Center, Hall E.

The message center will be staffed Sunday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Monday-Thursday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. The video paging systems are operational 24 hours a day. You may also use your laptop PC and the Internet address at any time to post and/or receive messages.

Surgical Forum

The complete papers for most of the 317 titles presented in this year's Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems are published in the *Owen H. Wangenstein Surgical Forum, Volume LII*, which is on sale during and after the Congress for \$50 per copy. Copies may be purchased in the Morial Convention Center, Hall E.

Audiotapes

Selected postgraduate courses, general sessions, multidisciplinary programs, specialty sessions, and named lectures will be recorded live and available on audiotapes. Additional information and order forms are available during the Clinical Congress at the National Audio Video booth in the Morial Convention Center, Hall E.

Lost and found

Lost and found areas will be located in the ACS Convention and Exhibit Office at the Morial Convention Center, Hall E, and in the Convention Office at the Hilton Riverside, Newberry Room.

Caps and gowns

Distribution of caps and gowns will be on Thursday, October 11, from 2:00 pm until the Convocation ceremony begins, at the Morial Convention Center, Conference Auditorium foyer, second floor. Caps and gowns may be turned in on Thursday at the same location following the conclusion of Convocation.

Friends of Bill W

Friends of Bill W will meet Sunday through Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Lg Riverside 4110, fourth floor.



Congress attendees are encouraged to visit the ACS Resource Center in the registration area of the Morial Convention Center. The exhibit provides information on the Advanced Trauma Life Support Course® (ATLS), the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG), the Candidate and Associate Society-American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS), the Commission on Cancer, the Committee on Trauma, Communications activities, Advocacy and Health Policy, National TRACS®, the National Trauma Data Bank™, Philanthropy, and the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP). The Resource Center will be open Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Gibbon Lecture to feature "out of this world" greeting

The John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture, to be held from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon on Monday in Room 260-262 of the Morial Convention Center, will conclude with a video greeting from the astronauts on the International Space Station. Vincent L. Gott, MD, FACS, will speak on "2001—An Odyssey of Space and Cardiac Surgery."

2002 Residents Trauma Papers Competition

Papers are now being accepted by the ACS Committee on Trauma, State and Provincial Chairs, for the 2002 Residents Trauma Papers Competition, which will be held April 8 to 11, 2002, during the Committee on Trauma's annual meeting in San Diego, CA.

The Residents Trauma Papers Competition is open to surgical residents and trauma fellows in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. The papers should describe original research in the area of trauma care and/or prevention categorized in either: (1) basic laboratory research, or (2) clinical investigation. Papers should be sent to the appropriate ACS State/Provincial Chair.

Prize money will be awarded through the generosity of General Motors Research and Development, which has provided the ACS with a grant to promote trauma research. The papers competition is also funded by the Eastern and Western States and Region VII Committees on Trauma.

Deadline for submission of papers to the State/Provincial Chair is November 15, 2001. Further information may be obtained on the ACS Web site at www.facs.org/dept/trauma/2002papers.html, at the ACS Resource Center in the Morial Convention Center, or by contacting the ACS Trauma Dept., 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211, tel. 312/202-5380.

Reception for international guests slated for Monday

The Regents and Officers of the College invite international guest physicians to attend a reception on Monday evening, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, in the Napoleon Ballroom of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel.

ACS President Harvey W. Bender, Jr., MD, FACS, and ACS Executive Director Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, will be present to welcome international visitors to this year's Clinical Congress.

All international registrants will have received invitations to the reception in their registration packets.